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SUBJ: FY 75 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR: RAMON HOWE

EMBASSY SUBMITS PART 2, PROGRAM INFORMATION, FOR RAMON
HOWE, FY-75 IV PROGRAM.

A. BIO DATA, RAMON HOWE; DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS,
UNIVERSITY SANTA MARIA LA ANTIGUA (USMA). BORN PANAMA,
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA ON JULY 24, 1937; MARRIED; FOUR CHILDREN.
HOME ADDRESS: LAS SABANAS, EDIF. K-17#7, PANAMA CITY;
POSTAL ADDRESS: BOX 2143 PANAMA 1, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.
EDUCATION: INSTITUTO NACIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 1957; UNIVERSITY OF
PANAMA 1961 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS;
UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, PH.D. IN MATHEMATICS, 1970. TRAVELS
ABROAD: TO U.S. NONE; ITALY 1972; BRAZIL 1973, STRASBURG 1969.
KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: POOR. WILL REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF AN
ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

B. PROGRAMMING INFORMATION. 1. PROFESSIONAL IN-

TERESTS.

PROFESSOR HOWE'S MAJOR INTEREST IS THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS
ON BOTH UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVELS. HE HAS
WRITTEN TESTS FOR TEACHING GEOMETRY IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS
WORKED ON MATERIAL FOR TEACHING MATH TO THE BLIND AND WOULD
LIKE TO MEET WITH SPECIALISTS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK. OTHER
SECTORS OF INTEREST IN MATH INCLUDE: POST GRADUATE COURSES

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IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, AND MATH APPLIED

TO ECONOMICS. PROFESSOR HOWE REQUESTED VISITS AS FOLLOWS:
UNIVERSITY OF CORNELL; MICHIGAN STATE U. TO DISCUSS GRAPH
THEORY WITH PROFESSOR FRANK HARARY; UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS TO
OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHICH ENABLES
THE BLIND TO READ. (THE U. OF KANSAS WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE
PANAMANIAN INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION. MRS. MARION BEACH AND
DR. ROSS COPELAND ARE CONTACTS); UCLA TO CONSULT WITH PROFESSOR
THOMAS L. SAATY ON OPERATIONS RESEARCH; AN IBM COMPUTER CENTER.

2. AVOCATIONS/INTERESTS: JAZZ MUSIC. BOXING. VISITS TO THE
WHITE HOUSE, THE PAN AMERICAN UNION, THE CONGRESS; THE UN;
ART MUSEUMS AND CAPE KENNEDY. PROFESSOR HOWE WISHES TO VISIT
HIS MOTHER DORA WEIR AT 2536 W. 108TH. ENGLEWOOD CALIF.
(754-4822).

3. POST'S SUGGESTIONS: THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA LA
ANTIGUA (CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY) IS A SMALL BUT GROWING
INSTITUTION. DR. HOWE IS ONE OF THE YOUNGER, BRIGHTER, UPCOMING
ACADEMICS AT USMA. HE HAS HAD SOME EXPOSURE TO
UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA.
IN THE US, BESIDES CONSULTATIONS WITH COLLEAGUES IN HIS FIELD,
HE SHOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES TO
BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION. SOME EXPOSURE TO EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND CULTURAL
LIFE ON CAMPUS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. IN SHORT, WITHIN THE
LIMITS OF THIS BRIEF VISIT, DR. HOWE SHOULD GET SOME FEEL FOR
U.S. UNIVERSITY DYNAMICS.

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